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1. It is reported that Sheikh Sabri Ahidin arrived in Jerusalem from Cairo on 15 June and stated in a private conversation that he had brought messages from the Grand Mufti to the Arabs of Haifa, Jaffa, Gaza, Jenin and Nablus, urging the Arab leaders to unite their followers and prepare for action as soon as possible.
2. Sabri stated that the Mufti had convinced the Arab people of the neighboring countries that they must aid the Palestine Arabs in their struggle and that the Mufti was hopeful that in addition to the financial aid already assured, other aid would be forthcoming.
3. Sabri added that the Mufti is eager to start proper training of the Arab Youth Organization and that he thinks that the real struggle will begin early next year, when an Arab government would be set up and the independence of the country declared.
4. Jamal Husayni is reported to have recently met prominent members of the Arab Youth Organization and told them that after MECOP had completed its inquiry in Palestine, he would call a conference to adopt important resolutions.
5. The Ikhwan al-Muslamin recently sent a delegate to Cairo to convey to the Mufti the allegiance of the organization and also promised that its members in Palestine would carry out all decisions of the Arab Higher Executive and would support Mahmud Labib, the supreme commander of the Arab Youth Organization.

Washington Comment: Mahmud Labib, a former Libyan revolutionary soldier, arrived in Palestine in early June 1947 to assume command of the amalgamated Futuwwah and Hajjadah. He had previously fought with 'Abd-al-Rahman 'Assam Pasha against the Italian occupation of Tripolitania. Subsequently he became an officer in the Egyptian Army and later organized the "scouts" of the Ikhwan al-Muslamin in Egypt.

6. Members of the Arab Higher Executive are reported to have held several meetings in Cairo early in June to discuss urging the Palestine Arabs.

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